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LYCOMING COLLEGE REPORT

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Commencement '83: Rain moves event indoors

Mother Nature treated her day very rudely this year, dumping a drenching rain all over the Williamsport area on Mother's Day (May 8) and chasing Lycoming's 135th annual commencement indoors.

Still, when the pomp and circumstance was all said and done in Lamade Gymnasium of the Physical Education and Recreation Center, there were very few graduates who seemed to mind too much. Indeed, the rain actually let up briefly after the ceremony and allowed parents, other relatives, and friends of the new alumni to snap the usual number of photographs outdoors, albeit in some very soggy surroundings.

An estimated 2,000 persons filled the gymnasium to watch 105 seniors receive their bachelor of arts degrees and to recognize 63 January and September graduates at Lycoming's only graduation exercise annually. The ceremony included the awarding of two honorary doctorate degrees to a top United Methodist Church official and a national leader in nursing and health-care policy.

Receiving honorary doctorates from Lycoming President Dr. Frederick E. Blumer were Dr. Donald H. Treese and Dr. Claire Mintzer Fagin. Treese, who received a Doctor of Humane Letters degree, is associate general secretary of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church and a former Lycoming trustee. Fagin, who received a Doctor of Science degree, is dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing.

Treese was cited for "inspiring dedication to your church and God and for your compassionate public service." A trustee from 1967 to 1979, Treese currently is chief executive officer of the Division of Ordained Ministry of the Methodist church. As chief executive, he is responsible for administering the Ministerial Education Fund, guiding the Association of United Methodist Theological Schools, and directing the continuing education program for clergy of the entire denomination.

Treese serves also as co-chairman of The World Methodist Council on Theological Education. He has been a delegate to various church conferences and a pastor at six Pennsylvania churches, including two in Williamsport. The Williamsport High School graduate holds degrees



Honorary degree recipients Dr. Donald H. Treese and Dr. Claire Mintzer Fagin with President Dr. Frederick E. Blumer

from Juniata College and Chicago Theological Seminary.

Fagin was honored for her "lifelong concern with enhancing the state of health care through practice and education, and for devotion to your profession." She has been dean of Pennsylvania's nursing school since 1977, when she moved from Herbert H. Lehman College and Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center of the City University of New York. She spent eight years at CUNY

serving as director of the health professions institute and as chairman and professor of nursing. During her tenure there, she established a nationally recognized nursing program.

Fagin has taught at New York University, where she also directed the graduate program in psychiatric mental

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Geologist named 'Outstanding Alumnus'

A former director of the U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, received the Outstanding Alumnus Award for 1983 at Lycoming's annual Alumni Weekend banquet.

Held in the Vertz Student Center during hall, the banquet was the focal point of the reunion weekend, which began Friday, May 6 and ended Sunday, May 8.

Dr. Vincent E. McKelvey, 32, of St. Cloud, FL, a graduate of Dickinson Seminary, Lycoming's forerunner institution, received a Lycoming chair symbolizing the award. Now an adjunct professor at Florida Institute of Technology, McKelvey, 67, spent his entire career as a geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey. He was named chief geologist and director by President Nixon in 1971, leaving the agency in 1980.

A 1937 graduate of Syracuse University, McKelvey began his career with the USGS in 1941 after earning a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1939. He later earned a Ph.D. from Wisconsin in 1947.

The native of Huntington lived in the Williamsport area as a child with his parents, the late Rev. Ellis E. and Eva McKelvey, 89.

During his career with the USGS, McKelvey received international recognition for his investigations into long-range energy and mineral resource needs, his analyses and assessments of seabed resources worldwide, and the problems related to the geology of phosphate deposits. Special assignments took him to Manila, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia. He has been a U.S. representative and advisor to a variety of national and international



Dr. Vincent E. McKelvey '32

committees concerned with energy and minerals, and a representative to the United Nations Seabeds Committee. Much honored, McKelvey has received the Rockefeller Public Service Award, recognizing distinguished service to the U.S., the Department of the Interior's highest award, the Distinguished Service Award, and the National Civil Service League Career Service Award for Sustained Excellence. He has authored numerous articles on the geology of manganese, phosphate, uranium, mineral and fuel resources, marine resources, methods of estimating reserves, stratigraphy, sedimentation, and mineral economics.

Another award, the alumni association's Dale V. Bower Award, which recognizes "outstanding service" to Lycoming, went to Kenneth E. Himes, of Williamsport. Himes has been a Lycoming trustee since 1969 and was treasurer of the college from 1948 to 1978.

The association also presented an "Outstanding Achievement" award to Ruth Perry Hodge, 58. She is chief of technical services for the U.S. Army Military History Research Institute in Carlisle.

Alumni Weekend concluded Sunday with a baccalaureate mass at 9 a.m. and the baccalaureate service at 10:30 a.m. It was followed at 2 p.m. by Lycoming's 135th commencement.

Alumni participated in a variety of events over the weekend, including a chemistry magic show, an electronic music demonstration, and the annual choir concert after

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President's corner

FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF '83

One of my oldest friends is a survivor of the blizzard of '96. Addressing the class of '83 is strangely like addressing my old friend, although this class may have more in common with those who survived Agnes, the flood of '72. In any case, they survived—a few much to the surprise of the faculty and maybe even their mothers! Yet most did more than merely survive.

Saying farewell to this class was not easy. It is an exceptional class, one of the very best Lycoming has produced. During their first semester, we feared that they might be one of the worst; but they expected much from us, even more from themselves, and much has been achieved. They made a name for themselves and should be commended. We will hear great things about these seniors for years to come.

What last word should I share in parting? Let me borrow advice once given by Robert Frost:

*Steal away
the song says Steal away
Don't join too many gangs Join few if any
Join the United States and join the family—
But not much in between unless a college*

This is not advice to become hermits in seclusion. It is advice to retain our independence. It even suggests that we are best able to protect our freedom if we keep our basic alliances in good repair—our ties to our native land, the ties to our families, and also our ties to Lycoming College. We should remember commencement, that special moment in the gymnasium when we were surrounded by the things that matter most, the flag on the stage, we dare

not take that for granted. Our parents and families were at our side, we can't take them for granted either. There we stood together, sharing a great truth, the Truth that made us free.

We will not say goodbye. Instead, we say farewell.

*Steal away
the song says Steal away (yet) stay,
Don't join too many gangs Join few if any
Join the United States and join the family—
But not much in between unless a college*

Stay free!

Frederic S. Blum

Campus notes

ERNIE GIGLIO, of the political science department, spoke to elementary-age children about the Bill of Rights at a Williamsport school in April. His lecture kicked off a special academic unit on law and government.

Interested faculty members at Lycoming attended a two-day workshop on campus in late April on the use of microcomputers in education. Sponsored by Lycoming under the direction of the Technical Education and Research Center, Inc., the workshop looked at microcomputers in science instruction and as laboratory instruments. The program included constructing interfacing units for computers and developing software to accompany the units. The research center is a non-profit, public service corporation interested in promoting the use of microcomputers in education.

JANET RODGERS, of the nursing department, delivered the Florence Nightingale Lecture on May 12 at the Auburn University at Montgomery School of Nursing. She discussed "The Semantics of Health Care." The lecture was part of Auburn's continuing education program.

Rodgers also presented a half-day workshop in late April for District 27 of the Pennsylvania Nurses Association at Bloomsburg State College. The workshop was titled "The Nurse as a Change Agent: Introducing Change and Being Innovative."

The nursing chairman also has been appointed a

member of the health advisory board at Divine Providence Hospital's community mental health center, Loyalsock Township.

STAN WILK, of the sociology-anthropology department, has been invited to participate in a special session of the joint meeting of the American Legal Studies Association and the Association of Humanist Sociologists in October. The session is titled "Humanistic Perspectives in the Social Sciences."

Wilk also has received a prestigious National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar award. The title of his seminar is "The Poetics of Self-Knowledge: Russian Autobiography in the Context of European Prose." It will be directed by Jane Gary Harris at Columbia University.

Wilk's letter on the recent Margaret Mead controversy will be published in the September issue of the *Anthropology Newsletter* of the American Anthropological Association. He also will chair a symposium of volunteered papers at the 82nd annual meeting of the association in November.

Three sculptures by **ROGER SHIPLEY**, of the art department, are included in the 1983 Greater Harrisburg Arts Council's Juried Art Exhibition currently on display at the William Penn Memorial Museum.

A messianic print female form also has been accepted

into the 1983 National on Paper Show of the Terrance Gallery, Palenville, NY.

"Rex Stout and William Faulkner's Nobel Prize Speech, a paper by **DAVID RIFE**, of the English department, ran in the March issue of the *Journal of Modern Literature*."

RICHARD HUGHES, of the religion department, was a guest lecturer at the Lancaster Theological Seminary in mid-April. He spoke on "Aggression as a Theological Problem."

JOHN PIPER, of the history department, has received an Albert J. Beveridge Grant for research in American history from the American Historical Association. The grant will help support his summer research into the life and work of Robert E. Spear.

"Identification and Enumeration of Filamentous Microorganisms Responsible for Bulk-mold Sludge," an article co-authored by **MEL ZIMMERMAN**, of the biology department, and **Kimbra Swagart '82**, appeared in the March-April issue of *Water Pollution Control Association of Pennsylvania Magazine*. The waste-water manager for the Williamsport Sanitary Authority also contributed to the article.

Alumnus a Fellow

A recent Lycoming graduate has been awarded a prestigious fellowship for post-graduate study.

Mananne K. Ferrara '83 of Lawrenceville, NJ, is the recipient of a \$4,500 fellowship from Phi Kappa Phi national honor society. She is the second Lycoming student to win one of the awards in the last four years.

An economics major with a 3.93 grade point average, Ferrara will apply the fellowship toward the cost of attending Columbia University in the fall. She plans to work toward a doctorate in economics, specializing in Soviet-area studies.

Ferrara was nominated for the fellowship by the Lycoming chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, one of higher education's most prestigious honorary fraternities. Fellows are selected based on their academic performance and participation in extracurricular activities.

Merry Olde England at Lycoming

The merry days of Olde England came to life at Lycoming in mid-April with an authentic Elizabethan banquet.

Burchfield Lounge in Wertz Student Center was transformed into a eatery reminiscent of an old English manor hall for the Sunday-evening event. It included a seven-course meal that was as close to the authentic as possible.

On hand were "beetleaters" and "wenches" in full costume to serve the meal, with entertainment provided during and after the feast.

Among the entertainment was a professional dance troupe from New York City called "Minstrel Tapestry."

the "Mason Consort," a musical group that plays period pieces on recorders and other Elizabethan-era instruments. The Lycoming Madrigal Singers, a group of 14 students, a "Punch and Judy" show presented by a puppeteer from Marshfield, and jugglers and jesters. William Ford of the English department also recited poems and toasts from the era.

Lycoming's theatre department, in cooperation with the Dubuistown Garden Club, decorated the lounge, which was known that evening as the banquet hall of Lord Burchfield.

Lycoming's food-service catered the event, which was open to the entire college community and their guests.



William Ford, associate professor of English, recites an Elizabethan toast at the authentic dinner in Burchfield Lounge of Wertz Student Center.

Cover photo

The Minstrel Tapestry, of New York City, performing at Lycoming's Elizabethan banquet in Burchfield Lounge of Wertz Student Center in April. The banquet was sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

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Trustees OK \$10 million budget, science building study

A preliminary \$10.1 million operating budget for fiscal year 1984 and an authorization to complete a feasibility study for a new science building were approved by Lycoming's Board of Trustees at the annual spring meeting in April in Long Administration Building.

Trustees also authorized the administration to install a new campus telephone system, approved the hiring of two investment firms to handle the endowment, and elected three new members and seven incumbents.

The new \$10,131,440 budget reflects a change in accounting from past years, when expenditures and revenues for the bookstore, residence halls, and food service were budgeted independently. These auxiliary enterprises now are part of the operating budget.

The 1983-84 budget thus contains a \$946,778 increase in spending over 1982-83 for the same budgetary categories. The FY 1984 budget receives final approval at the trustees' annual fall meeting.

The feasibility study for a new science building will be completed on and off campus. The faculty and administration, which previously completed a survey of needs for a science building, are being asked to update that survey. Concurrently, an architectural firm still to be named will develop a preliminary plan for the structure. Total cost of the feasibility study is not to exceed \$10,000.

College treasurer William L. Baker '57 has been authorized to finalize agreements for the purchase or leasing of a new campus communications system to replace outdated equipment. Installation of a new telephone system has been under study for approximately a year. Cost of the installation is estimated at around \$550,000, and is expected to be paid for with the portion of the operating budget financing the current system.

The investment firms of Sanford C. Bernstein and Company, Inc., of New York City, and NC Capital Group, a subsidiary of Northern Central Bank, of Williamsport, will be hired to manage the college's \$10 million endowment. Although final contracts still need to be drawn up, Bernstein is expected to manage approximately 80 percent of the endowment. NC Capital will manage the remaining 20 percent. The endowment was handled previously by the college and American Bank and Trust of Reading.

Two alumni and a Williamsport-area resident are the new members of the board: Judge Clinton W. Smith '55, of the Court of Common Pleas, 29th Judicial District of Pennsylvania (Williamsport area); Dr. Mary R. Schweikle '63, a specialist at Divine Providence Hospital Medical



Trustees toured the new nursing skills laboratory after their spring meeting.

Center, Williamsport, and John T. Detwiler, senior vice president and director of the southern region for Strohmann Brothers Company, Williamsport. Dr. Schweikle replaces David M. Heiney '62, of Hughesville, as one of the three alumni representatives on the board. Detwiler is the son of a former acting president of Lycoming by the same name.

Trustees re-elected are Richard W. DeWald '61, of Montoursville; Daniel G. Fultz '57, of Pittsford, NY; James G. Law, of Bloomsburg; John E. Person, Jr., of Williamsport; Dr. Donald E. Shearer '59, of Montoursville; Nathan W. Stuart '36, of Williamsport, and Willis W. Willard '58, of Hershey. Each will serve another three-year term.

Named as honorary trustee was W. Russell Zacharias, of Allentown, who declined re-election to the board this year after 28 years of service.

The board also re-elected officers: W. Gibbs McKenney '37, of Baltimore, as chairman, Stuart as vice-chairman,

and Paul G. Gilmore, of Williamsport, as secretary. Baker was re-elected college treasurer.

In other action, the board heard reports from its various committees and President Dr. Frederick E. Blumer and the treasurer. The committees met prior to the full board meeting.

Samuel H. Evert, of Bloomsburg, chairman of the grounds and buildings committee, brought the board up to date on two construction projects.

The renovation of the former gymnasium into an arts center will be completed by July 1, he said, with the building scheduled to be occupied in the fall semester. The new nursing skills laboratory in the Academic Center has been completed and also will open in the fall.

Trustees toured both sites after eating lunch in the private dining room of Wertz Student Center.

The board meets annually in April and October. It will meet next on Oct. 21.

Faculty focus: David A. Franz, modern Merlin

An aura of magic surrounds the field of chemistry, according to Lycoming's modern Merlin, Dr. David A. Franz, associate professor of chemistry. He has been entertaining audiences with a chemical magic show since 1972, two years after he joined Lycoming's faculty.

Franz's show is based on the demonstrations he uses for a general chemistry course he teaches. He put some of those experiments together in show form first for Lycoming's chemistry club in 1972. From there, Franz added several experiments and hit the road with his magic show.

The Lansdowne native recalls that he began the show because there wasn't enough interest in a May-term chemistry course and he wanted something to occupy his time. Once he got the show rolling, he realized that he really enjoyed the immediate gratification from the audience.

"I even got a standing ovation from one group of students," Franz remembers with a grin. "It's a very good feeling."

A request from Ron Blatchley '65, a teacher at Mifflinburg High School, took Franz to the school for a Saturday afternoon performance for the science club. He has entertained a variety of audiences with his magic since then.

Franz actually was finally coaxed into taking his show on the road in a big way in 1979 by a friend, Clyde Peeling. Peeling, the owner of Reptiland, a reptile zoo near Williamsport, has put on assemblies for years. Peeling gave him a list of schools at which he had given shows. Franz wrote some letters. By May of 1979, he had 10 shows booked. He booked 15 demonstrations for the following year.

Franz does many of the same demonstrations he did for the chemistry club in 1972, however, he has added variety. His act includes a hydrogen explosion, better known as a "pop" bottle; a burning snowball, which is actually sterno; a beating heart in which a puddle of mercury exhibits a pulsating reaction to a nail on an overhead projector; and the effect of helium on the human voice.

The Princeton graduate says he gets the biggest response to his finale. While singing several verses of an old college song, "The Old Nassau," Franz makes various solutions change color as the words to the song change.

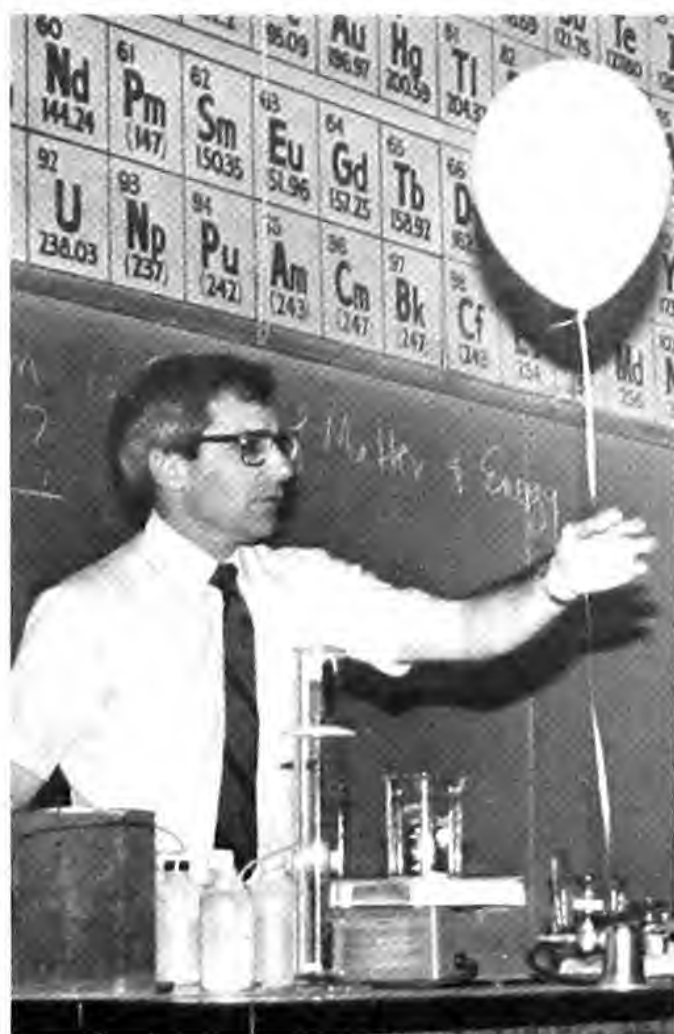
"Most of the students get a kick out of this," he says. "Also, this demonstration is pictured in a lot of the drawings I receive from the children. So at least they

remember it."

Franz, who tries to keep his show in the Lycoming spirit by wearing a blue and gold tie, has discovered a reaction that changes from blue to gold and back again. But he's still searching for a Lycoming song to go along with it.

Franz tries to illustrate the usefulness of chemistry in everyday life in his demonstrations. He uses examples which he feels students of all ages will understand.

Franz repeatedly warns his audience not to try these experiments at home. He reiterates to all groups that it takes hours and hours of practice in his lab to be able to perform them correctly. He also wears safety glasses.



David A. Franz

during the show.

"Since each show takes approximately six hours, one to do the demonstrations and five to set it up and tear it down, it's difficult to fit it in while I'm teaching," Franz explained. "I hope to alternate teaching and performing every other May."

Even though Franz's magic show demonstrates a deep interest in chemistry, it wasn't always that way. When he entered Princeton, he had an idea that he wanted to teach but not necessarily chemistry. Indeed, Franz had not even taken any chemistry courses by the end of his sophomore year. His roommate had an organic chemistry lab at the time, however. Or as Franz explains it: "I went to watch him in lab one day and I thought it was neat so I decided to major in it. I thought it was the best major to get me through college."

Although he didn't plan on a chemistry career, the more he got into it, the more he liked it.

"It's a rather unique discipline in that it combines intellectual activity with hands-on manipulations," he says. "I really enjoy that combination because it stimulates two different types of thought processes."

"It is part of the whole reason I enjoy teaching," he adds. "I like conveying information and ideas to other people through demonstrations. I also enjoy challenging students and helping them realize their goals — it's very rewarding. The collegiate atmosphere is great. It gives me a great deal of personal freedom."

After graduating from Princeton, Franz went on to earn a master's degree at Johns Hopkins University, then taught chemistry at an all-girl's high school in Baltimore for a year. He enrolled at the University of Virginia in 1966, where he earned a doctorate in organic chemistry in 1970. He filled a post-doctoral appointment at Indiana University for a few months when the position at Lycoming opened up. He joined the faculty in mid-1970.

Franz now serves as chairman of the chemistry department, as a member of the General Committee on Academic Affairs, and as an adviser to Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity on campus. Off campus, Franz is an assistant Boy Scout master and chairman of the advancement committee for the Scouts. He's chaperoning his son's troop's trip to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico this summer, a state he fell in love with while on sabbatical leave at the University of New Mexico in 1980.

He and his wife, Sally, also are avid Western square dancers. They and their children, Alan and Kathy, live in Williamsport.

Alumni Weekend - 1983

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the banquet. Choir alumni joined the ensemble on the stage for the final four numbers. It was held in Clarke Chapel.



Ruth Perry Hodge '58 listens to the reading of her citation by President Blumer.

The Classes of 1933 and 1958 held their 50th and 25th reunions in Burchfield Lounge of the student center and Pennington Lounge of the Academic Center, respectively. Reunions of all the classes ending in the numbers '3' and

8, also were held.

Based on the registration list, the Class of 1923 was the oldest class represented. Bernadine Decker Nancarrow, 23, of Williamsport, returned for the weekend event.



McKelvey family members attending the banquet were (seated left to right): Mrs. Evelyn Faus, Mrs. Frances McKelvey Holley, Mrs. Genevieve McKelvey, McKelvey, and Mrs. Katharine Winter. Standing left to right were Mrs. Barbara McKelvey, Harold E. McKelvey '58, the Rev. W. Richard Fessler, Mrs. Ruth Ann Winter Fessler '70, Edward J. Holley, Mrs. Rachel McKelvey Cleaves, and Dr. Blake McKelvey.

Class reunions

'33



Standing (left to right) are Mrs. Helen Clarke Holder and Mrs. Dorothy Bennett Flanigan. Seated (left to right) are Mrs. Helen Vollmer Troxell and Mrs. Nina Cummings Lohgren.



Mrs. Mary Landon Russell and Thomas F. Lehman.

'58



Left to right are Harold E. McKelvey, Mrs. Ruth Perry Hodge, and Robert E. Blair.

Graduation a Mother's Day to remember for her

Commencement was a Mother's Day to remember for Mrs. Lillian M. Shaffer, of Sunbury.

The 52-year-old mother of eight was among the 228 seniors who received diplomas at Lycoming's 135th commencement. She completed her degree in four years with most of those children still tugging at her apron strings.

Mrs. Shaffer earned a degree in psychology with honors despite family obligations that would keep most mothers busy without interruption, let alone hours of studying. Her children now range in age from 10 to 25. They were considerably younger and less able to fend for themselves when Mrs. Shaffer enrolled for her first semester in the fall of 1979.

But the way she figured it four years ago: "I was going to be alone most of the day anyway with the children off at school. Why not go after a long-deferred dream of becoming a psychologist?"

Mrs. Shaffer decided in 1966 that she wanted to become a psychologist. Because of her family obligations, obligations she never thought about shunning, it took 13 years to embark on her dream.

"I didn't get frustrated," said Mrs. Shaffer, who values her family life and motherhood as much as her education. Devotion to her family as well as her education is evident by the fact that she wants to begin working toward a master's degree in psychology, but without uprooting anyone or taking away from her family.

"My 10-year-old and 13-year-old are still my top priority," she says, even though she has definite plans to pursue an advanced degree, possibly through correspondence courses. It's a balancing act she has plenty of experience at because of her four years at Lycoming.

"My original goal was to get a degree in four years," Mrs. Shaffer said, although she didn't know if she could do it. She eased into being a full-time student by taking a couple of preparatory courses at other colleges, and then putting together a schedule that required her to be on campus only two days a week.

Eventually, she was forced to commute the 90-mile

round trip to campus four or five days a week to meet all the requirements for a degree.



Lillian M. Shaffer

"I didn't disrupt their (her children's) schedules too much," said Mrs. Shaffer, who always returned home in time to fix dinner for everyone. "It went a lot easier than I thought it would. I just used my time in a different way."

While on campus, Mrs. Shaffer said, she never felt really different from her classmates.

"The students never made me feel I was an oddity," she said. "I was delighted with the way they treated and accepted me. I was just 'Lillian' to them."

Her instructors also did not consciously treat her differently, she said, even though she was older than many of them and had actually experienced many of the events they are now teaching. Her personal experiences actually helped a great deal, she said. "They made things more alive; they enriched my courses."

Her family was very supportive, pitching in to handle housework and giving her more time needed to study. She and her husband, chiropractor F. W. Shaffer, also maintained their social schedule.

Mrs. Shaffer's penchant for making the Dean's List also spurred her children to greater accomplishments in school. They found a new motivation for the classroom.

Mrs. Shaffer enrolled originally because of her empathy for homeless children. She worked with orphans as a volunteer in the past, but wanted to do more for them in a professional way. Still interested in working with orphans, Mrs. Shaffer also has discovered the field of criminal justice. Indeed, while pursuing a master's degree, she is thinking about trying to find a part-time position counseling juveniles or other inmates.

Nothing is definite at this point except that she is preparing for the graduate record examination (GRE) for admission to graduate school. Or as she says, "Onward and upward from here."

To help her celebrate her graduation, her older children in Florida and New Hampshire returned home. Her mother, a chiropractor in California, also flew in. They were joined by other assorted friends and relatives who saw Mrs. Shaffer receive her sheepskin.

It was a Mother's Day to remember.

Commencement (continued)

health nursing. She has worked at several of America's leading hospitals, and is a prolific author and speaker for major nursing conventions and associations. She serves on a variety of corporate boards and the boards of leading American nursing associations. Fagin holds degrees from Wagner College, Columbia University, and New York University.

Honored as the summa cum laude graduates of the Class of 1983 were: Melodie D. Schell, the valedictorian of Williamsport, a January graduate in psychology; Wade M. Miller, the salutatorian, of Islip, NY, a biology major; Marianne E. Ferrara, of Lawrenceville, NJ, an economics major; Mark A. Hughes, of Tioga, an accounting major;

Lecann R. Newton, of Poughkeepsie, NY, an English major; Janet M. Kolczynski, of Loyalsock Township, a sociology and English major; and Edward J. Norris, of Williamsport, a biology major. Fifty-five other graduates earned magna cum laude or cum laude honors.

Dr. Shirley Van Marter, Dean, introduced the honor students and presented all of the graduates for their degrees. Dr. Blumer awarded the diplomas, except for one presented by Dr. Stephen E. Robinson, assistant professor of religion, to his wife, Janet, an accounting graduate.

After awarding the diplomas, Dr. Blumer spent a few minutes addressing the graduates (his remarks are this month's "President's Corner"). And as he does annually,

the President asked the new graduates to salute their parents and other relatives and friends who supported and sacrificed for them during their years at Lycoming.

Music for baccalaureate and commencement was provided by the Lycoming Choir and Concert Band, directed by Dr. Fred M. Thayer, Jr. and Dr. David N. Jex, assistant professors of music, respectively. Organist Charles Kaufmann, a sophomore music and religion major from Iermy, played a carillon concert before commencement and played at the baccalaureate service.

After baccalaureate, held also in the gymnasium, luncheon was served in the Wertz Student Center dining hall. Graduates and their families were guests of Lycoming.



Summa cum laude graduates with President

Left to right are Mark Hughes, Edward Norris, Wade Miller, Marianne Ferrara, Melodie Schell, President Blumer, Lecann Newton, and Janet Kolczynski.

Student spotlight: Michael A. Hamm '83

Michael Hamm, vice chairman of Lycoming's Campus Activities Board (CAB), is one of those people who manages to carry out his responsibilities while enjoying them at the same time.

"I don't want to get so caught up in my work and in activities that I don't enjoy life," says Hamm, a senior from Vienna, VA. "I set limits that I know I can handle so I have time to enjoy myself and get work done."

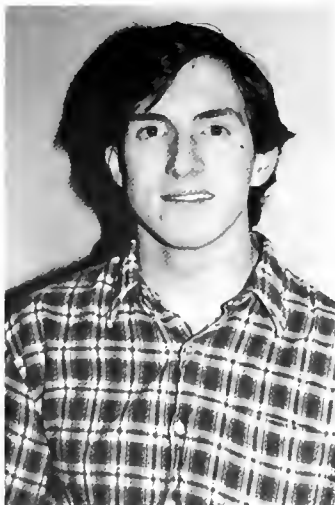
Hamm's biggest responsibility this year has been fulfilling his CAB duties. He was appointed vice chairman at the end of his junior year and admits that he was nervous about taking the job, which entails advising the chairmen of all CAB committees. Now, he says, "I really like being on CAB. I think more people should learn about CAB, understand its functions, and get involved."

Hamm said that the past really doesn't take up that much time, although the month of April was an exception. He helped to plan the annual auto rally, a rock concert by the Greg Kihn Band, the "How to Wine, Dine, and Act Fine" series, an Elizabethan dinner, and a student laculty colloquy.

Hamm was the first president of the United Campus Ministries in his freshman year. He then joined WRLC-FM, the campus radio station, as a DJ and program director for two years before leaving to join CAB. He also has worked for four years in the sports information office as a football statistician. Hamm's method of spreading out his activities ensured that he would be able to devote his full attention to each and still have fun.

Hamm describes himself during his high school years as "a good student who didn't do much." Still, he was a member of the track and football teams and the varsity club, and was appointed president of his church youth group.

Looking back on many of the leadership roles he has



Michael A. Hamm

filled, he says, "I've never run for an office but I seem to get asked to take these positions. I guess I'm a good leader, otherwise they would have stopped asking by this time!"

Hamm recently accepted a job offer from Satellite Business Systems, a telecommunications company in Virginia that he worked for previously during the summer. The computer science and mathematics major considers computers "the practical side of math."

Although Hamm quips that "the real reason I took math (in college) was because I don't like to write papers," he seems to thrive in this field. He already has used his skill with computers to write software packages, including a software system to compile and store sports statistics.

Hamm's future plans outside of working for his employer include attending graduate school in mathematics, and possibly teaching mathematics on the college level. He also would like to work with youth in his church.

To unwind and relax, Hamm plays backgammon, writes music, and plays the piano and guitar. His musical ability has landed him a variety of performances on campus.

Hamm comes by Lycoming naturally. His father and mother, John and the former Bernadine Trossi, are Williamsport natives, and both graduated from Lycoming in 1955. He has many relatives still living in and around Williamsport.

"I came to Lycoming because I liked the idea of being in this area," he said. "Vienna is where my home is located, but I consider Williamsport my true hometown."

The most valuable lesson Hamm has learned over four years at Lycoming is that "a good sense of humor can help you get through. It's something I really value."

He adds, "You should always be able to laugh at yourself, because sooner or later, someone else will."



Providing care

Sigma Pi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Lambda Chi Alpha are now providing perpetual care for the gravesites of three prominent Williamsporters: Benjamin H. Crever, founder of Lycoming; William F. Packer, 14th governor; and Michael Ross, founder of Williamsport. The Crever gravesite is shown here.

Recent grad cops cops science award

A 1983 biology graduate of Lycoming received the award for the top research paper in her category at the 37th annual Eastern Colleges Science Conference held in mid-April at Wilkes College.

Of the 155 papers presented, a paper by Barbara A. Dowger of Harrisburg, based on research on herpes virus, was judged to be the best in biology, the largest category of papers, by an editorial board. Titled "The Effects of Protease Inhibitors on Herpes Virus — Transformed Cells *In Vivo*," the paper has been invited to be published by the Washington Academy of Science.

Dowger carried out her research in the laboratory of Dr. Fred Rapp under the direction of Dr. M. K. Howett at the Milton S. Hensley Medical Center in Hershey, and in conjunction with Dr. Robert Zaccaria of Lycoming's biology department.

Twenty-two Lycoming students and six faculty members attended the conference as the largest delegation with 15 Lycoming students delivering papers, more than any other attending school.

Lycoming's strong showing, not only in receiving the top award in biology, but in the number of students and faculty in attendance, is a real credit to the college, said Dr. Jack S. Diehl, associate professor of biology. "Our students work very hard, especially on their research, and I'm glad to see their efforts rewarded."

Representatives of 40 colleges and universities throughout the northeastern United States gathered at the conference to share research and honor exceptional faculty. Lycoming was among such participating schools as the Pennsylvania State University, the United States Military Academy, Ohio State University, the University of Pittsburgh, Villanova University, Georgetown University, Providence College, Adelphi University, and the Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Lycoming's biology department and President Dr. Frederick E. Blumer also received awards for being an outstanding host college for the 1982 conference.



Robert Zaccaria with Barbara Dowger.

Summer conferences keep campus alive

Incoming students attending orientation sessions and several thousand visitors enrolling in a variety of conferences will keep Lycoming a very busy place this summer.

The Outstanding Young American Pageant May 13-15 led off the schedule. It drew 200 participants and onlookers for the weekend event.

The Miss Pennsylvania Teen-Ager Pageant the next weekend (May 20-22) attracted an additional 400 participants to campus for the annual affair.

More than 450 persons were to attend a conference of Full Gospel Businessmen on campus May 26-28. They were to be followed to Lycoming by a conference of the League of Women Voters June 2-4.

The Stone Mountain (GA) Baptist Choir comes to Lycoming for a week-long retreat June 18-25. They will share the campus that week with summer-term students who arrive June 19 for the six-week session and with Parent-Teachers Association (PTA) members from around

the state who are holding a leadership session June 21-25.

Senior citizens from throughout Pennsylvania arrive on campus June 26 for the first of three week-long Elderhostel sessions. The sessions run June 26-July 2, July 3-9, and July 10-16.

New Lycoming students and their parents join the Elderhostels on campus June 26-28 and June 29-July 1 for two of three orientation sessions held annually. The sessions, sponsored by the Office of Student Services, acquaint new students with Lycoming and the community.

Participants in the Northeast Jurisdiction School of Evangelism will share the campus July 4-8. More than 250 persons are expected to attend.

An estimated 250 cheerleaders from across the state arrive on campus July 10 for four days of practice and instruction. The camp is operated by the International Cheerleading Foundation.

Old-car buffs gather on campus July 22-23 for the

Susquehanna Antique Car Show. The show annually draws hundreds of spectators and enthusiasts. On that same weekend, the School of Missions of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, United Methodist Church, convenes. It is followed immediately by a week-day School of Missions July 25-28.

Lycoming's third orientation session for new students will be held July 31 through Aug. 2. Three days later, the Family Life Conference of the Episcopal Church commences and runs through July 7.

Another group of cheerleaders invades the campus on July 8 for four days. They will be joined on July 8 by asthmatic children attending a week-long day camp in Lamed Gymnasium and Pennsylvania Teenage Republicans holding a five-day conference. The final summer conference brings the First Southern Baptist Church choir to Lycoming Aug. 20-26.

Commentary

By the Rev. Dr. William E. Alberts '51
Community Church of Boston

Children have much to teach us grownups about growing up. For example, have you ever lost something, looked all over and could not find it? All of us have. The more you look, the more frustrated you become. And there is always that "helpful" person who says, "Where did you leave it?" Hold on to your handle. My 3½-year old daughter, Amy, has the solution for us when we cannot find what we are looking for, and have lost our patience to boot.

She had a cold and was in her bare feet. Her mother, having repeated the importance of staying warm, asked her again, "Where are your slippers?" Amy replied, "They are where they are whenever I can't find them."

A simple, penetrating, time- and temper-saving deduction. So after this, if you cannot find something, you can save yourself and those around you a lot of grief by remembering that what you've lost is where it is when you can't find it.

This is just one example of the wisdom Amy, or any child, can impart to us.

There also was the time Amy and I went shopping at Star Market. We were at the catfood counter, when a woman came up, reached for catfood and accidentally knocked a few cans off the shelf that fell near us. Upset by what she had done, the woman looked at me and uttered, "O, God, I'm very sorry," and Amy replied, "He's not God. He's daddy."

Children see right through our titles and degrees and ranks and positions to the essence of who we are - our humanness. That president or senator or governor or major or judge or physician or teacher or clergyperson is not God: "he's daddy" - a human being who puts his pants on one leg at a time the same as the rest of us, and he too needs something to lean on to keep his balance and avoid falling on his face.

He's not God: he's a dummy. He's not God: he's devious. He's not God: he's dangerous. He's not God: he's dedicated. He's not God: he's deserving. He's not God: he's down-to-earth. "He's not God. He's daddy."

On one occasion Amy did something she should not have, but there was a comic aspect to it that led her mother to laugh. As Amy was about to repeat this act, her mother said, "Once was funny but twice wouldn't be." And Amy replied, "How about three times?" Her sense of humor could straddle a problem and bring it into manageable perspective.

On another occasion Amy was talking to her mother, and her mother kept responding with "Uh huh, Uh huh, Uh huh" in a distracted way. Amy immediately picked up on the fact that her mother was not listening to her and said, "I don't know why people don't listen to me." She had openly reflected back to her mother what was happening between them and how she honestly felt about it, which led her mother to say, "You're right. I wasn't listening to you. I was thinking about something else. We should listen to you. You have a lot to say."

How quickly openness and nonjudgmental honesty can identify what is in the air and clear it so that an affirming relationship can continue or begin.

Shortly after Amy's birth, I was looking at her through a glass window as she and other newborn babies lay in cribs in the hospital nursery. Suddenly one of the babies started to cry, and immediately it seemed that all of them began to cry. Amy and the other new-born infants were inherently able to identify with each other, to feel that the hurt of another could happen to them, to know that the fear of another was enough to make them afraid also. These infants were born with the ability to respond to what made each of them cry - and to what made each of them content. They were born with the capacity to become citizens of the world and not merely of one nation or race or religion or sex.

One more quality of Amy's, which all children possess, merits attention, particularly as spring is budding and about to burst forth in a new season of growth. Amy's first phrase was "Let's do it." Her mother and I would talk about the possibility of going somewhere or doing something and Amy would say "Let's do it." Growing up involves embracing our possibilities and our power and saying "Let's do it." And being grownup involves our continuing to say "Let's do it."

"He's not God. He's daddy."

(Rewritten from a commentary in the March 22-29, 1982, Boston Ledger.)

Ewing lecture

A distinguished historian of religion delivered the 10th annual Robert H. Ewing Lecture at Lycoming in mid-March, a public lecture that honors the professor emeritus of history.

Professor Robert T. Handy, of the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, discussed "Common Themes in the Diverse Histories of Religious Groups in America." Handy has taught at the seminary for more than 40 years. He also has been an adjunct professor in the Columbia University religion department for 10 years.

A prolific author, Handy has written numerous books, including "We Witness Together," "A Christian America," and "A History of the Churches in the United States and Canada." His most recent publication is "The Holy Land in American Protestant Life, 1800-1948."

The lecture series is funded through an endowment established by friends, colleagues, and former students of Ewing, who retired in 1973 after teaching at Lycoming for more than 25 years. Sponsored by the history department, the lecture series annually features a well-known historian.



Summer theatre offers musical, love story, comedy

A musical, a love story, and a comedy, all of which have received national acclaim, fill the bill of the 1983 Arena Summer Theatre at Lycoming.

Stephen Sondheim's "Sweeney Todd," a musical set in 19th century industrial England, opens the season June 15-19 and 22-26. The play is described as "a musical of rare power and beauty... almost operatic in its writing... as it tells the story of a lost and vengeful soul seeking justice."

Talley's Folly, the Pulitzer Prize-winning play of 1980, is the second show of the summer season. Written by Lanford Wilson, it plays June 29 to July 3 and July 6-10. The play is described as "a no-holds-barred romance... between two wonderfully funny, vulnerable people whom we quickly come to care about and love."

Woody Allen's homage to Humphrey Bogart, "Play It Again, Sam," is the third summer production. It plays July 13-17 and 20-24, and deals with a bumbling, awkward hero who dreams of having Bogey's technique with women. His fantasies create non-stop laughter.

Beginning its 19th year, the Arena Summer Theatre features plays cast with local and regional professionals, amateurs, and students. It is directed by Dr. Robert F. Falk, professor of theatre and department chairman.

The summer theatre is considered one of northcentral Pennsylvania's outstanding professional theatres.

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College hosts nursing workshop

Lycoming's nursing department hosted a workshop for practicing and student nurses in April in the lower lounge of the library. The workshop was sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Nursing Association. It drew participants from around the middle Atlantic states.

Sports

Lycoming wrapped up its spring sports schedule the week before finals on a dreary note with the majority of the season cancelled due to bad weather.

Golf

1-7

The golf team finished 1-7 this year with the win coming against Lebanon Valley (417-433). Low scorers for the Warriors were seniors Ted Wilhite (Hummelstown), who averaged 82.25 in four outings, and Doug Schonewalt (Tyrone), with a five-match, 85-stroke average. In the Middle Atlantic Conference championships, Wilhite was the top Warrior finisher, tying for 18th.

Tennis

4-6

The men's tennis team ended its regular season on a positive note, defeating Scranton 5-4 and Juniata 9-0. The men recorded a 4-6 overall record, 3-2 in the MAC Northwest.

Warriors and their season records are: Rick Carpenter (Essex Falls, NJ) singles 4-6, doubles 4-6; Jeff Collson (Elmira, NY) 5-5, 3-5; Kevin Curtin (Chatham, NJ) 0-1, 0-1; John Cweiber (Baltimore, MD) 2-7, 0-3; Bruce Mooney (Federalburg, MD) 4-4, 3-4; Jason Sharer (Montoursville) 1-1, 0-1; Jim Shawver (Kinnelon, NJ) 5-5, 4-6; and Pete Wesley (Allegany, NY) 5-5, 4-6.

The men competed in the MAC individual championships at Gettysburg College, May 5-7. Cweiber had the most success, winning his first match 6-4, 6-4. He was

eliminated in his second match 6-0, 6-0.

Also in singles, Collson lost his first match 2-6, 6-3, 6-2. In doubles action, Shawver and Wesley lost their first match to the third-seeded duo 6-2, 6-3.

The Warriors look forward to a more successful 1984 as all letter winners from 1983 return.

Track & Field 0-6, 0-3

The men's track and field team ended at 0-6, the women at 0-3.

The men had strong field event showings in most dual meets with Chuck Craige (West Hazleton) in the long jump, triple jump, pole vault, and javelin and Mike Kern (Dallas) in the shot put having consistently good outings.

Molly Wentz (Ulysses) proved to be an exceptional athlete, placing first in the javelin throw (91 feet 3 inches), second in the 400-meter hurdles (1:28.03), and third in the long jump (13 feet 5 inches) in a triangular meet at Gettysburg with Juniata at the season's end.

Women's tennis

Deanna Cappel (Wappingers Falls, NY), Kim Paul (Cambridge, MD), and Christine Vreeland (Kinnelon, NJ) competed in the MAC individual championships May 5-7 at Dickinson. Cappel and Paul lost their first doubles match but battled back to win the consolation title. Vreeland was eliminated in her first singles match and in the consolation round.

Commencement '83 — Awards, Prizes

THE EDWARD J. GRAY PRIZE

- A Highest average in senior class
B Second highest average in senior class
Prizes in scholarship, loyalty, school spirit, and participation in school activities

Michael D. Schell
Wade M. Miller

THE JOHN A. STREETER MEMORIAL AWARD

- Outstanding achievement in economics
THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
EXCELLENCE AWARD
Senior major who has performed with distinction

Marannek, Ferrara
Nancy L. Washworth

THE FACULTY PRIZE

- Day student with satisfactory scholarship, outstanding in promotion of school spirit through participation in school activities

Melodee D. Schell

THE DANIEL LITTLE AWARD

- Outstanding student in the field of public administration

Jeffrey G. Kuhlman

THE BENJAMIN C. CONNOR PRIZE

- Graduating student who has done outstanding work in mathematics

Julie L. Longenecker

THE CHARLES J. KOLIAN AWARD

- A. Accounting major showing greatest proficiency in statistics
B. Business administration major showing greatest proficiency in statistics
C. Economics major showing greatest proficiency in statistics
D. Graduate senior showing greatest proficiency in applied mathematics
E. Graduating senior showing greatest proficiency in computer science
F. Graduating senior showing greatest proficiency in statistics
G. Graduating senior showing greatest proficiency in business administration
H. Graduating senior attaining the highest average in the class

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THE CLASS OF 1983 PRIZE

- Outstanding achievement in chemical and biological sciences

Cary L. Meckley

THE FRANCES J. SKELTH AWARD

- Outstanding achievement in mathematics

Ronald A. Frisk & James I. Maurer

THE THASCH (THEATRIS) PRIZE

- Outstanding achievement in legal principles

Janet J. Robinson

THE THASCH (THEATRIS) PRIZE

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